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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN YUGOSLAVIA

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1. STATUS OF PLO OFFICE IN BELGRADE WAS CHANGED IN
FEBRUARY 1977 FROM "INFORMATION CENTER" TO "POLITICAL
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE". PLO FIRST APPEARED ON DIPLOMATIC LIST
IN JUNE, 1977, WHERE IT FALLS UNDER THE SPECIAL RUBRIC OF "OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS". IT IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION SO LISTED. THE OFFICE
IS DESIGNATED AS A CHANCERY.

2. THREE PLO OFFICERS ARE ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST:
A DIRECTOR, IBRAHIM EL-KHATIB; A CHIEF OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, HAFEZ EL-NIMER; AND THE CHIEF OF THE
INFORMATION SECTION, MOHAMMED NABHAM. WE DO NOT KNOW TOTAL
STAFF SIZE.

3. PLO OFFICERS APPEAR TO BE ACCORDED FULL DIPLOMATIC
PRIVILEGES. THEY HAVE DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATES AND ENJOY
EXEMPTIONS FROM CUSTOMS. THE DIRECTOR IS INVITED ALONG
WITH OTHER ACCREDITED CHIEFS OF MISSION TO FORMAL
YUGOSLAV FUNCTIONS AND TAKES PART IN MONTHLY MEETINGS OF
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IMMUNITIES THEY MIGHT ENJOY.

4. THE PLO IS THE ONLY OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED PALESTINIAN
ORGANIZATION IN YUGOSLAVIA. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, NO OTHER
PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESENT.
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